

Senate Grants Increases To Government Employees, Following Bitter Debate

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said the Senator from Colorado, "and the members of the other side who will vote for larger salaries will be among the first to criticize the excessive appropriations of Congress."

SCORES FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION.

"It is a peculiar thing and it illustrates the vagaries of human nature that those who vote for appropriations are among those foremost in criticizing extravagance," he added.

Senator Thomas scored the officials of the Federal Employees' Union for an implied threat that they would block legislation that carried unnecessary expenditures unless the increases were granted.

Senator Townsend, of Michigan, impressed upon the Senate the necessity for retrenchment and opposed any increase.

In defending the action of the committee in striking out the increases granted by the House, Senator Overman said: "This is really a test question. Of course, if Congress grants these increases under this bill it will grant similar increases to employees covered in the other appropriation bills, like the post office bill, the agricultural appropriation bill and others."

WILL EXTEND TO OTHER BILLS.

"This measure applies only to employees of the departments working in the District of Columbia. If the House increases are allowed it means an increase in this bill of \$1,385,000. We have been reliably informed that if similar increases are allowed for employees covered by the book of estimates the increases will amount to more than \$25,000,000."

Senator McCumber put in a plea for the employees who are receiving \$900 or less. He said that in many cases men could be found working in government departments who received only \$900 and did the same work as those receiving \$1,500 and \$1,800.

"Horizontal increases are not wise as a general thing," said Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, "but we have the high cost of living with us now. The underpaid clerks need help. Why wouldn't it be better to give them assistance now than wait until summer of next year when the war may have stopped and the need for help may not be so great?"

ACCUSES UNION OF INTIMIDATION.

"Once you have raised salaries," said Senator Overman, "it has been my experience that you can never reduce them again." Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, also spoke against the increases and declared an effort was being made by organized employees to intimidate Congress and force the increases. "I do not want to see an organization of government employees drive Senators and Representatives," he said.

On the roll-call vote the Smoot amendment was adopted by a vote of 33 to 29.

On the matter of substituting the Smoot amendment for the 5 and 10 per cent graded increases stricken out by the committee the vote was 36 to 27.

UNION PRESIDENT GRATIFIED.

Following the vote, H. M. McLarin, president of the Federal Employees' Union, said: "Naturally, I am gratified at the action of the Senate. It is an admission that the high cost of living has made it imperative that some relief be given the underpaid government employees."

"I regret that my remarks with reference to our position on other legislation have been misconstrued. We have never approached members of Congress with any thought of intimidating them or doing other than pointing out the justice of our claims. Perhaps, in our zeal for the cause, we may have inadvertently said that if economy should be applied to the employees' salaries, Congress should be consistent and apply it to other bills. No threat was intimated or implied and I am confident that no member of the union would try to influence Congress in any way except that designed to help our own cause."

RETAINED FAITH IN CONGRESS.

"I have always had an abiding faith in the sense of justice members of Congress possess. For that reason, more than anything else, I have never lost hope that our cause would win. Of course, I am gratified at the result. It demonstrates the benefits of organization and proves that members of Congress will listen and act when the cause is just."

"May I thank The Washington Herald and the press generally for the unstinting and sustained support they have given this movement. Without this assistance our success would have been long delayed. With it, we have accomplished much. We are started in the right direction. I hope we can continue."

SHORTAGE OF POTATO SUPPLY IS ACUTE

Estimates Show Stock 44 Per Cent Smaller Than Year Ago.

Supplies of potatoes on hand January 1, 1917, for market in nineteen important Northern potato-growing States are estimated by the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the Department of Agriculture to be about 61 per cent smaller than a year ago, and 34 per cent smaller than the average holdings of January 1 of the preceding five years.

If, for the purpose of comparison, the estimates in percentages of marketable stocks of potatoes on hand January 1 be applied to the estimates of total production, it shows, in the nineteen States included, which produced 61 per cent of the total 1916 crop, and 66 per cent of the 1915 crop, a total of 3,368,000 bushels on January 1, 1917, compared with 18,225,000 a year ago, 19,354,000 two years ago, and 12,941,000 bushels the average holdings of the preceding five years on January 1. These figures indicate a scant supply of old potatoes during the spring months.

BIRTH CITY CALLS OAK AFTER JACK LONDON

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 24.—An oak tree in the Plaza, in front of the city hall here, has just been dedicated to Jack London, famous California author who died recently, and henceforth will be known as the "Jack London Oak."

At the dedication ceremonies, the following resolution, adopted by the city council, was read by Mayor John L. Davis:

"Proud his city, that there came a lad who lived and grew to world renown by striking chords that until his coming had been unused.

"Sad his city, that life for him was a narrow vale, wherein he spoke and gave a radiance for all humankind, and that his life was short, a sacrifice for experiences that remain aglow for you and me.

"Glad that we can confer this mite of honor by dedicating this oak to him who grew with this city—that this sturdy sentinel may stand to the memory and to the honor of Jack London."

FORBIDS HIS STUDENTS TO JOIN SUFF PICKETS

College President Puts Ban on Joining Silent Sentinels.

Baltimore, Jan. 23.—"The Goucher College students will not do picket duty outside of the White House for the Congressional Union," said President William Wesley Guth, of Goucher, this morning. "I am absolutely opposed to it."

The fact that Mrs. Townsend Scott, chairman of the Congressional Union of Maryland, had just written to Miss Ida Glatt, president of the Goucher College Equal Suffrage League, asking for recruits among the Goucher suffragists for picket duty on "College Day," had just been called to his attention.

"I am in favor of woman suffrage on proper occasions. But as for this picketing of the White House, I do not say more than that I hold it in disfavor, that I am unalterably opposed to it."

Mrs. Townsend Scott is working to secure a delegation of public school teachers as well as one of Goucher students. It is believed that the teachers will take pretty much the same stand that Dr. Guth has taken with regard to the proposition. Meanwhile a second delegation of Baltimore suffragists is planning to go over to Washington to do picket duty in front of the White House. The Congressional Union of Maryland will lead the group of Goucher students and the group of school teachers on their trip to the Capital if they can be secured for picketing the White House.

GEORGETOWN SENIORS HOLD ANNUAL SMOKER

The annual smoker of the senior class of Georgetown University Law School was held last night in the ballroom of the Raleigh Hotel.

A feature was the program of entertainment, which included a variety of original numbers from monologues to burlesque. The occasion was enlivened by frequent college yells and school and class songs. A number of the guests were called upon for brief remarks.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEBATED.

The class of 1919, Washington College of Law, held one of its series of debates at the college on whether woman suffrage should be brought about by means of an amendment to the Federal Constitution rather than through action of the several States.

The affirmative side was supported by Clarence Ellis, Miss Carrie B. Miller and Miss Maud Napier and won the debate. The negative side was taken by John R. McGrory, John J. Deviny and Miss Vera C. Brungart. The judges, who are also members of the class, were Miss M. Lenah Dee, Miss S. Helen Eisenhardt and Miss Bertha A. Sandford.

In harmony with a legislative act recently passed, a Georgia law school has opened its doors to women.

Praise Herald for Fight Which Results in Increase For Uncle Sam's Employees

In all sections of the District last night the successful fight for a more permanent for a general increase in salary for government employees was commended.

The enactment of the Smoot amendment means that employees living in the District will receive more than \$1,000,000 annually and the 5 and 10 per cent graded increase of the House, which may ultimately be enacted into law, means more than \$3,000,000 annually for Federal and District employees residing in Washington.

The Washington Herald, which started the campaign to bring about the increase, was generally commended. Some of the comments on the action of the Senate follow:

P. T. MORAN, DIRECTOR OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

"Of course, I am pleased with the action of the Senate. I would have been glad if they had incorporated the House provision of 5 and 10 per cent graded increases, but the concession granted means that the Senate recognized the claim for better wages as just. It shows what a progressive press, fighting for a just cause, can accomplish. I congratulate the employees upon their victory and I congratulate the press upon the successful culmination of a clean and honest fight."

REPRESENTATIVE JAMES A. GALLIVAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"As a member of the Committee on Appropriations, I supported the legislation designed to give the employees an increase. I thought they needed it then. I think they need it now. The Senate, in its best judgment, feels we have been too liberal. However, in conference, this matter will be adjusted to the mutual satisfaction of both branches, and I am confident that the clerks will not suffer. In no small part is the victory due to the cordial support given the movement by The Washington Herald and the press of the city generally."

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN I. NOLAN, OF CALIFORNIA.

"The adoption of the Smoot amendment by the Senate recognizes the principle for which I have long been striving, and which is incorporated in my bill fixing \$3 a day as the minimum wage for government employees. It is the employee below \$1,000 a year who most feels the pinch of poverty, the high cost of living, the struggle to make both ends meet. The Senate recognizes this by giving the advance to this class of employees. I am pleased at the outcome. It only makes me feel, even more strongly, that the \$3 a day minimum wage is just and that its enactment into law is only a question of a short time."

"The Washington Herald has helped the cause immensely. I hope it will continue the fight until 100 per cent justice has been secured for the underpaid government employees."

WILLIAM McK. CLAYTON, OF THE FEDERATION OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS.

"I hope that these increases may be extended to the employees of the District and I am delighted at the fact that the members of Congress have officially recognized the increased cost of living by granting the employees an increase."

In my humble way, I have tried my best to convince the members of Congress that many of the District employees are grossly underpaid. I spoke for those employees who are without money and influence to have their condition brought directly to the members of Congress. The Smoot amendment helps them materially. It is a distinct start in the right direction and the press should feel gratified at the material assistance it has rendered such a commendable movement."

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LOUIS BROWNLOW.

"I am confident that Congress will grant District employees the same increases in salary that will be written into the legislative bill. For that reason, more than anything else, I am gratified at the vote in the Senate."

"The cost of living has advanced to the point where it is exceedingly difficult for an employee on a salary of less than \$1,000 a year to keep his head above the sea of debt that engulfs him."

"The present Congress has been fair with the District. It has been fair with the employees. When the history of the 64th Congress is written, it will be the story of legislators who have been truly representative—men who have had a finger on the pulse of public opinion, regulated by justice, and guided by the greatest executive in the history of the nation. I congratulate the employees and I congratulate Congress."

WILLIAM T. GALLIHER, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK.

"I am delighted to hear that the department clerks will get an increase. It is wholly justified. Living has greatly increased in cost. I have often wondered how many of them were able to meet the increased expenses. It has been too long delayed. The Herald deserves great praise for its support of the bill."

THOMAS GRANT, SECRETARY OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

"An army of clerks will appreciate the bill, and The Herald was largely responsible for keeping it before the attention of Congress. Many government employees have found it almost impossible to live decently because of the increased cost. It is a very just recognition of the workers."

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MERRITT O. CHANCE, CITY POSTMASTER.

"I think the bill is a very good thing, especially for the lower grades of employees. The cost of living has so increased that it should have been approved a long time ago. The Herald deserves much credit for urging the passage of the bill."

REV. D. H. MARTIN, PASTOR OF DUMBAR TON M. E. CHURCH.

"I want to heartily commend The Herald. It has led the fight from start to finish, it has kept up the battle, and has never lost heart. It has shown what a great newspaper can do when it takes up a fight for the people. The government clerks owe The Herald a great debt of gratitude. I believe Congress wants to do the right thing. The newspapers are responsible for the great victory. They have shown the Senate the necessity of immediate favorable action."

REV. CHARLES E. FULTZ, PASTOR OF THE UNITED BRETHREN MEMORIAL CHURCH.

"The Senate has acted wisely and timely. I am only sorry that action should have been delayed so long. In this connection may I heartily commend The Washington Herald for the wonderful co-operation it has accorded the government clerks in their fight for a wage which can in a measure cope with the soaring prices of foodstuffs."

G. O. P. CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Republicans Plan to Gain Control of the Next House.

Republican members of the House will meet in "conference" tonight to discuss the party program for the Sixty-fifth Congress. It is expected to mark the opening of the Republican fight over the speaker of the next House. The Republicans deny that a caucus is to be held, saying it will be a "conference."

Semi-official figures give the line-up of the next House as 215 Republicans, the same number of Democrats and five Independents. The Republicans are proceeding on the assumption that they will have enough of these Independents to control the Sixty-fifth Congress.

Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, who several weeks ago unexpectedly announced his opposition to the present minority leader, James R. Mann, of Illinois, is largely responsible for the calling of the "conference." The meeting is expected to develop into a lively session.

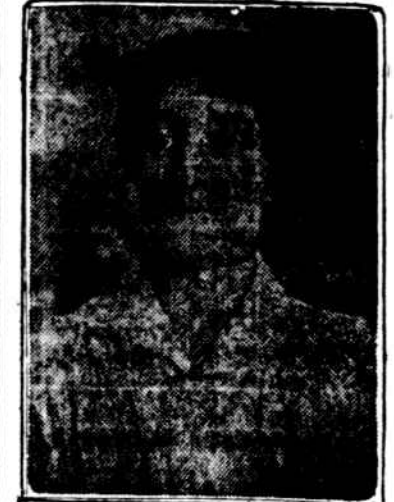
THREE DROWN IN POTOMAC.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 23.—While crossing the Potomac River today in a skiff to go to work at the Bakerton (W. Va.) quarries, William Grimm, 41, foreman of Bakerton quarries; Raymond Grimm, 19, his son, and Richard Show, 40, were drowned. Jesse Grimm, another son, was saved by a rescuing party. None of the bodies has been recovered.

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